

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet which comprises a base material comprising a polyolefin resin and an inorganic flame retardant and containing substantially no halogen atoms and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer formed on one side of the base material, the base material bearing on the other side thereof at least one of a character and a design constituted of a structure comprising recesses, protrusions or both of them united to the base material, wherein the polyolefin resin comprises at least a copolymer copolymerized by multistage polymerization comprising two or more steps.

2. (original): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one of a character and a design has been formed by stamping the base material.

3. (original): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one of a character and a design is a marking concerning recycling.

4. (original): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 2, wherein said at least one of a character and a design is a marking concerning recycling.

5. (currently amended): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base material further comprises a second polyolefin resin is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polybutene, polybutylene, polybutadiene, ~~or~~ and ethylene/propylene copolymer.

6. (currently amended): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base material further comprises a second polyolefin resin is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene ~~or~~ and polypropylene.

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7. (currently amended): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said base material further comprises a second polyolefin resin is comprising polyethylene.

8. (original): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inorganic flame retardant is a metal hydroxide, a metal carbonate, a metal hydrate, barium metaborate, magnesium oxide, or clay.

9. (original): The pressure-sensitive adhesive tape or sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inorganic flame retardant is a metal hydroxide, basic magnesium carbonate, or hydrotalcite.